Shim I a	Solan	Kangra	Kinnaur	Mandi	Hamirpur	Kullu
23	05	11	01	23	18	Nil
Chamba	Lahaul and Spiti	Una	Bilaspur			Sirmaur
Nil	Nil	13	01			03

The number of cases disposed off by telephone adalats, District-wise in Haryana is as given below:—

SI. No	District	No. of ca ses disposed off by telephone adalats
1.	Ambala	45
2.	Punchkuia	12
3.	Yamuna Nagar	35
4.	Faridabad	3
5.	Gurgaon	6
6.	Jind	44
7.	Sonepat	4
8.	Mohinder Garh	12
9.	Rewari	16
10.	Kamal	4
11.	Panipat	Nil
12.	Kaithal	Nil
13.	Kurukshetra	Nil
14.	Hissar	10
15.	Sirsa	6
16.	Fatehabad	2
17.	Rohtak	15
18.	Bhiwani	4
19.	Jhajjar	3

The adalat is headed by SSA Head and assisted by the Finance Officer and an Engineering Officer.

Changes in Exim Policy

*351. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have urged the Central Government to make some changes in the Exim Policy;

(b) if so, the reasons given for the proposed changes;

(c) whether Government are ready to accept their suggestions; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCEAND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) Some of the State Governments have expressed certain reservations regarding removal of QRs on 714 items which may affect the economy of the respective States. The States which have expressed these reservations include Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab and Rajasthan.

India has been following a consistent policy for gradual removal of restrictions on imports since 1991. Tariff line-wise import policy was first announced on 31.3.1996. As on that date, import of 616 tariff lines (at 10 digit level) out of the total number of 10202 was free. Import restrictions on 488 tariff lines were removed during the period 1.4.96 to 31.3.97. Further, 391 tariff lines (at 8 digit level) were freed during the period 1.4.97 to 13.4.98 and 894 tariff lines (at 8 digit level) were freed on 1.4.99. Thus removal of import restrictions on 714 tariff lines was nothing but a continuation of the stated policy of the Government. Import restrictions on the remaining 715 tariff lines are going to be removed on 31.3.2001.

Import restrictions have been removed in line with the economic liberalisation policy being followed since 1991 and also in accordance with the country's commitments to the multilateral trading regime. Thus, the requests of the various State Governments regarding re-imposition of QRs could not be considered. However, in order to provide protection to the domestic producers the Government can, if the situation so warrants, utilise the mechanism of raising the applied tariffs within the bound rates, if such a gap exists and take measures such as anti-dumping action, imposition of counter-vailing duties and safeguard actions which are permissible under the WTO agreement.

The imports are being closely monitored and the Government have been taking such steps, whenever warranted to ensure that imports do not cause and serious injury to the domestic producers.